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Dear Mark:

Thank you for your memorandum of June 3, 1952, which raises the question of the possible expansion of the activities of the Department under its responsibilities in NSCID 17. General Smith has asked that I reply for him.

This Agency has under review the adequacy of the collection of such intelligence information from overt sources abroad as is of interest to our offices, including scientific intelligence information. The results of that review will be discussed with you to ascertain what can be done to improve such collection and what assistance may be necessary and proper from this Agency.

Our reaction to the considerations put forward in your letter regarding NSCID 17 are as follows:

1. The Agency regrets that the Department finds it advisable to keep the collection of basic scientific information on the part of the Science Advisor and attaches aloof from intelligence.

2. It is believed that the Office of the Science Advisor and the scientific attaches need not jeopardize their work by an appropriate relationship with intelligence. It is believed that adequate briefing of outgoing scientific attaches on specific intelligence requirements is essential, if NSCID 17 is to be effectively implemented.

3. Because of the responsibility of CIA in the production of scientific intelligence, it is suggested that the Department might usefully consult the Agency on its suggestions for attaches or its views on proposed attaches even as the Department of Commerce is consulted with respect to our economic attaches.

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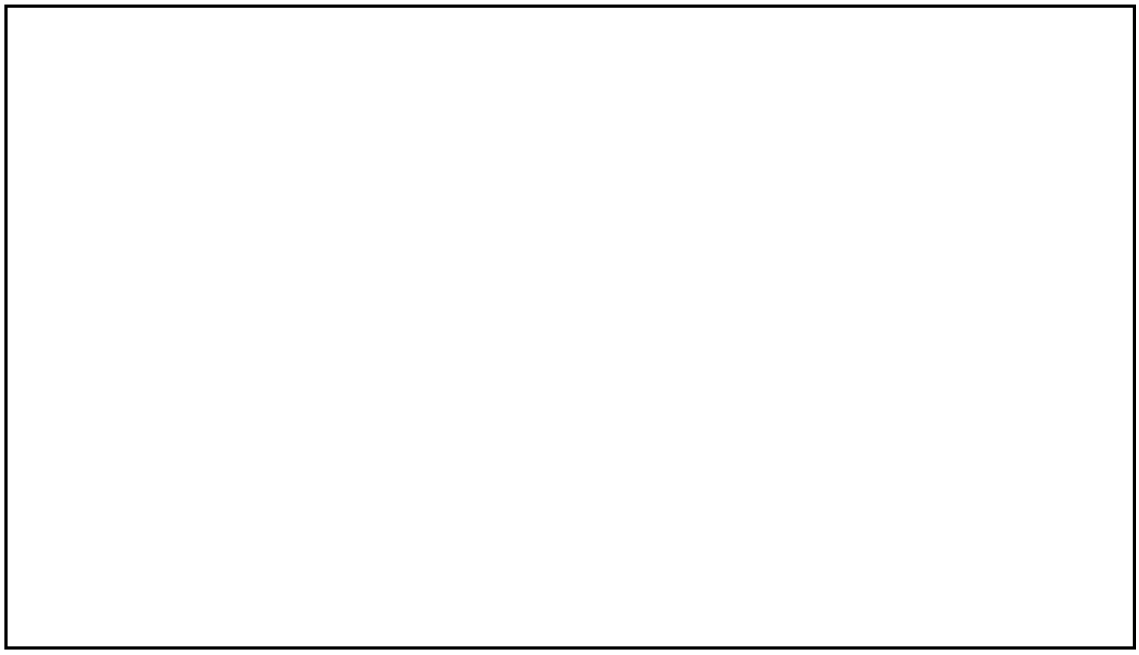

Based on our interchange of correspondence I propose that our representatives meet for discussion of these matters and that a joint report be prepared for your and my consideration.

"SIGNED"

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